

**REMARKS**

Claims 28-30 have been added. Claims 1-30 are pending in this application.

The Office Action states that Tatano, JP Patent No. 401173487, discloses “comparing the source optical disc to the target optical disc based on information recorded in the source optical disc and the target optical disc,” as recited by claims 1, 10, and 19. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Applicant respectfully submits that Tatano discloses that “when the master recording medium is erroneously set as the copy destination recording medium, since identifying information for the backup is not recorded, the copying is not carried out.” Tatano suggests that the checking process is for ensuring that the “identifying information for the backup” is recorded on what has been designated as the copy destination recording medium. If the identifying information for the backup is not recorded on the copy destination recording medium, then the copying procedure is not performed. Applicants submits that this is not the same as “comparing the source optical disc to the target optical disc based on information recorded in the source optical disc and the target optical disc,” as recited by claims 1, 10, and 19. The comparison of the source optical disc and the target optical disc of claims 1, 10, and 19 determines if the target optical disc qualifies as a backup disc of a hybrid type source optical disc. Tatano ensures that the source optical disc is not erroneously designated as the target optical disc. As such, Applicant submits that Tatano fails to disclose the invention of claims 1, 10, and 19.

Claims 2-9 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons. Claims 11-18 depend from claim 10 and are allowable for at least the same reasons. Claims 20-27 depend from claim 19 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

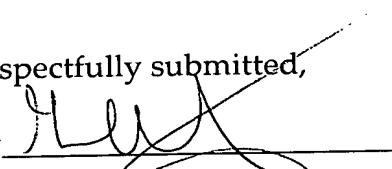
reasons. Applicant respectfully requests the rejection be withdrawn and claims 1-27 be allowed.

Claims 28-30 recite "comparing the source optical disc to the target optical disc based on information recorded in the source optical disc and the target optical disc." For the reasons discussed above, claims 28-30 are allowable over Tatano.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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